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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1. A method of producing a printed packaging material comprising:
 - applying an actinic radiation activatable liquid ink to a packaging material;
 - exposing the ink to first actinic radiation;
 - applying an energy-curable coating over the ink; and
 - curing the coating with second actinic radiation.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the packaging material is a thermoplastic flexible film, and wherein a to-be-packaged substance is enclosed within the plastic film subsequent to the actinic radiation curing thereof.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the packaging material is a foil laminate paper or paper plastic laminate, and wherein a to-be-packaged substance is enclosed within the plastic film subsequent to the actinic radiation curing thereof.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first actinic radiation is UV light.
- 15 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second actinic radiation is an electron beam.
 - 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the second actinic radiation is UV light.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the energy-curable coating is free of pigment.
 - 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid ink is applied more than once.
 - 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid ink is solvent-based.
- 20 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid ink is water-based.
 - 11. A packaging material produced according to the method of claim 1.
 - 12. The packaging material of claim 11, wherein the packaging material contains less than 700 ppm total of residual solvent or water.

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13. The packaging material of claim 12, wherein the packaging material contains less than 600 ppm total of residual solvent or water.

- 14. The packaging material of claim 13, wherein the packaging material contains less than 500 ppm total of residual solvent or water.
- 5 15. The packaging material of claim 11, wherein the packaging material has a degree of cure of at least 5 MEK rubs.
 - 16. The packaging material of claim 15, wherein the packaging material has a degree of cure of at least 10 MEK rubs.
- 17. The packaging material of claim 16, wherein the packaging material has a degree of cure of at least 20 MEK rubs.